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To:

Commissioner of Patents and Trade Marks Washington, D.C.

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Re: Application No. 09/945,467
Attention Natalie A. Pass, Examiner
Organization TC360 Bldg /Room CPKS

Sir:

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I'm enclosing my response to Office Action Summary Dated January 26, 2004, which rejected claims 17-29, with Specifications objected to by the Examiner. Rejections applied to application submission filed October 14, 2003, including amendment filed for Claims 17, 19, 21, and 29, with claim 30 canceled, thereby claims 17-29 remain pending.

EXAMINER'S ACTIONS

- `1. Examiner rejects content of claim 29 on th basis of New Material in lines 2-3 with use of words "purchase menu", and lines 8-10, using "75%", as having no support in original filing of September 04, 2001.
- 2. Examiner objects to Abstract containing 173 words vs. limit of 150.
- 3. Examiner objects to drawings included in th Specifications, lack of several views of the drawings and lack of specifications of figures and reference numbers..
- 4. Examiner objects to Claim 21, line 5, ending with word "and", and does not end with a p riod. which require correcting.
- 5. Examiner rejects claim 29, first paragraph, as not conveying that the inventor has possession of the claimed invention.
- 6. Examiner rejects claim 19, second paragraph, as indefinite re. subject matter as providing insufficient antecedent basis for "the dot", the "circle" and the "order" in lines 4 and 5.
- 7. Examiner under 35 U.S.C. 102(a) rejects claims for obviousness: (17, 20. 24. 27-28) (18-19, 26) (21,22,23, and 25), and (29) with these four groups supporting Examiner's groupings of seven patents for representation of existing prior art and ordinary skills for obviousness.

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EXAMINER'S AND SUPERVISOR'S RECOMMENDATIONS

Examiner and Supervisor, in a Summary of a Telephone Interview with Applicant, on March 3, 2004 suggested, "that the claims would better differentiate over the applied art if claims 17-29 were canceled and replaced with method claims reciting steps defined more narrowly, as for example the 28 sets listed on pages 11-12 of the originally filed specification, and as well if the new claims recited the technology in the specification, as these changes would make the claimed limitations more narrow."

"Examiner will reconsider the references in light of amendments made that clarify the claims."

APPLICANT'S RESPONSES

Applicant is enclosing claim No.31 to replace pending claims 17-29. This new claim has been written to conform to the suggested requirements, with claim 29 canceled..(see pages 1-4)

Applicant has further reviewed the Examiner's findings of obviousness and responded here with a detailed report on the differences found between the Examiner's statements of substance and content in the seven patents of others used for establishing obviousness, and the citations supplied by the Examiner, as numbers, in support of her statements. (see pages 5-51)

The Examiner's objection to the use and form of drawings has been addressed in a section of this response which should satisfy the objection. (see pages 52-54)

The Abstract has been reduced to under 150 words (see page 55).

Sincerely

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